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Oswald Letter Brings $825 At N.Y. Auction

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NEW YORK — A 1959 letter of Lee Harvey Oswald, outlining his communist orientation, brought $825 dollars at at auction here last night.

A letter in which President George Washington revealed himself as something of a roue sold for $8,000.

THE OSWALD LETTER was one of several written in Moscow and auctioned here last night. In the letter, the accused assasin of President John F. Kennedy wrote to his brother:

"In the event of war, I would kill any American who put a uniform on in defense of the American government . . . I want to, and I shall, live a normal happy and peaceful life here in the Soviet Union for the rest of my life . . . I feel I am at last with my own people."

The auction was conducted by Charles Hamilton Galleries. The Washington letter, sold to a Philadelphia dealer, was found recently in a bushel of old paper purchased for $15 by Patrick Williams, a Columbus, Ga., antique dealer.

IT WAS WRITTEN Sept. 2, 1783, to the wife of a New Jersey signer of the Declaration of Independence, Mrs. Annis Boudinot Stockton, who had sent the first president a poem praising his service to the nation.

Washington wrote: ". . . When once the Woman has tempted us, & we have tasted the forbidden fruit, there is no such thing as checking our appetites, whatever the consequences may be."